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With 385 burglary cases in February, police officials advise citizens to not disclose all their travel plans on social media, as that info may catch the eye of uninvited 'guests'

KEEP IT UNDER LOCK AND KEY, MAYBE?

Vacation tips: Inform neighbours, install security cameras

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The joy of planning a vacation and sharing the excitement on social media might come at a cost. Bengaluru Police have issued an advisory urging citizens to refrain from posting real-time updates about their holidays, citing security risks associated with publicising prolonged absences from home.

The warning comes in the wake of multiple burglary incidents where criminals allegedly scouted social media platforms to identify potential targets.

According to police reports, a growing number of break-ins in Bengaluru have been linked to victims sharing vacation pictures and location tags in real-time.

During February, a total of 385 burglary cases were reported, with 312 incidents occurring at night and 73 during the daytime. In comparison, January saw a higher number of cases, with 489 burglaries reported, including 315 at night and 94 during the day.

In house burglary at night, 764 cases were reported and house

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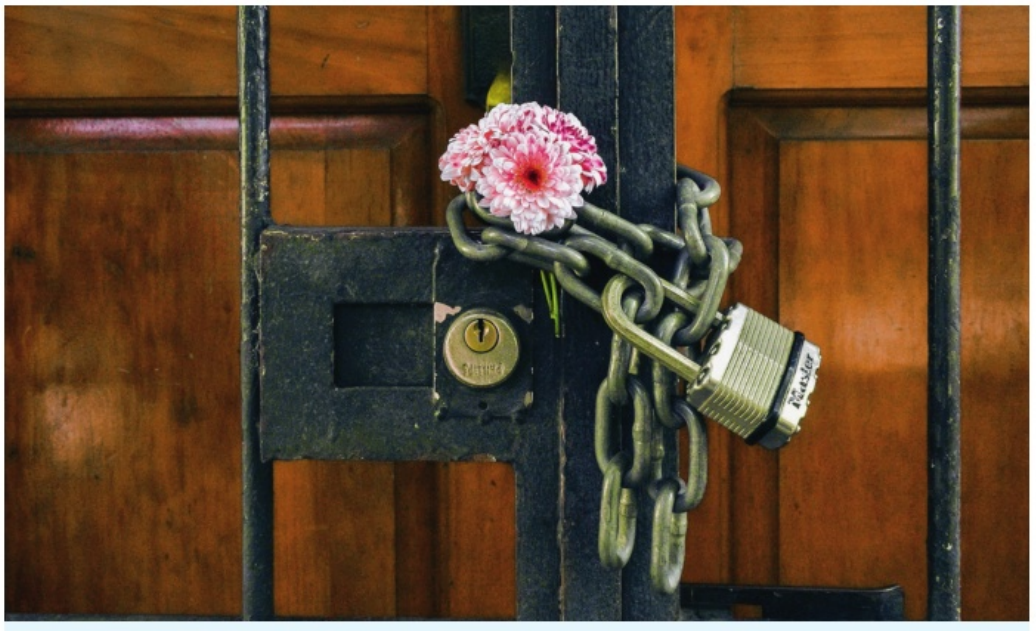

"People tend to share their travel plans, check-ins at airports, and even countdowns to their vacations without realising that they are inadvertently alerting criminals about an unoccupied home

— Police official

Never say sever

BBMP did not bother to make alternative arrangements, before going on overhead cable snapping spree, say operators

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) drive to clear illegally installed Optical Fiber Cables (OFC) across the city has drawn flak from cable operators, including Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. They alleged that the BBMP officials are charging ahead with removal of the overhead cables without bothering to check whether they have provided operators with any alternative arrangements or not.

The Karnataka State Digital Cable Operators Welfare Association (KSDCOWA) has written a letter on March 4 to the BBMP Chief Commissioner expressing deep concern over the ongoing optical fiber removal drive of unauthorised cables.

"We have consistently followed up with the BBMP Fiber Cell for the past several months requesting licences to lay fiber optical cables both underground and overhead wherever feasible. We have also made representations to the then Commissioner of BBMP, Manjunath Prasad, on this issue. Despite our best efforts, the issue remained unresolved and no solution was found

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THINGS TO DO

01 Art exhibition

Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) is organising an art exhibition called 'Joyful Great Indian Modern Women Saga' (JGIMWS) 2025, as part of the International Women's day. **Where: Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Mallathahalli; When: March 8 to March 20, 10 am to 5 pm**

02 Weaving wonders

The National Design Centre, New Delhi, in collaboration with the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, is set to host the Bengaluru Saree Festival that will bring together 75 skilled handloom weavers, Self-Help Groups, and cooperative societies from across India to showcase the rich diversity of Indian handloom sarees. **Where: Shubh Convention Centre, JP Nagar; When: March 14 to 20**

03 Celebrating creativity

The Indian Music Experience Museum (IME) is presenting 'A Serious Wedding', an ethnofiction film by Rajat Nayar, as part of the second edition of Women's History Month, a month-long festival throughout March 2025, dedicated to celebrating and amplifying the invaluable contributions of women to the diverse landscape of Indian music. **Where: Indian Music Experience Museum, JP Nagar; When: March 15, 11 am**

04 Tech talk

TUMO and SPOT are hosting an AI and Tech Conference designed for teens passionate about AI, innovation, and the future of technology. The event will consist of inspiring talks from industry experts, hands-on workshops, live demos, and special panel discussions. **Where: SPOT, Whitefield; When: March 15, 8 am to 1 pm**

05 Skillful creations

Maaruthi Enterprises is holding an exhibition cum sale where along with a variety of Rajasthani handicraft, rural artisans from the eastern part of India are brought together, featuring vast collections of handlooms and handicrafts. **Where: VV Convention Hall, Horamavu; When: March 14 to March 30, 10 am to 9 pm**

Joyful colours

With Holi celebrations in full swing in the cty on Friday, residents of Seshadripuram celebrate the fesival of colours with enthusiasm. This time, the festival was extra happy for animal lovers as The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Bengaluru Urban has issued a circular banning the use of colours on animals, citing measures under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act.

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HC overturns summons order

In response to Yediyurappa's petition challenging cognisance, Court has granted temporary relief, citing need for detailed deliberation

The Karnataka High Court has suspended the cognisance and summons order issued by a Bengaluru Court to former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and three co-accused. The order had required their presence before the Trial Court on March 15, regarding a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Justice Pradeep Singh Yerur issued the interim order whilst considering Yediyurappa's petition challenging the Trial Court's fresh cognisance. The Bench noted the need for detailed deliberation and granted temporary relief, with notice issued to the complainant.

"There shall be a stay on the order of taking cognisance and issuance of summons by the trial court. It is made clear that accused no 1 to 4 are personally exempted from appearance before the trial court, till the next date of hearing," the Bench ordered.

Previously, the High Court had nullified the Special Court's initial cognisance order, instructing a fresh order. The Special Court issued a second cognisance order on February 28, which

> **"This is not a matter for grant of interim order .... Therefore, there is sufficient material to proceed further**
> – Advocate General

is now stayed. The case stems from allegations by a mother, whose 17-year-old daughter was allegedly sexually assaulted by Yediyurappa during a February 2024 meeting at his Bengaluru residence.

Senior Advocate CV Nagesh represented Yediyurappa, while Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty appeared for the State.

Nagesh highlighted that the previous cognisance order was quashed due to the Special Court's lack of proper consideration. Questioning the complaint's validity, Nagesh stated, "On 2-02-2024, the offence is said to have been committed at 11.30 am. They met the Commissioner of Police on the same day. If something had happened that morning, they would have opened their mouths before the CP." Nagesh noted that witnesses present at Yediyurappa's residence during the alleged incident provided statements denying any wrongdoing. He contended that the Special Court's order was procedural rather than substantive. The Advocate General opposed the stay, stating, "This is not a matter for grant of interim order ....Therefore, there is sufficient material to proceed further. The question of granting stay would be detrimental to the prosecution case."

HC eases dress code

The Karnataka High Court has granted permission to lawyers to forgo wearing black coats whilst appearing in district and taluk courts until May 31, considering the increasing temperatures.

A notification released by the High Court on Wednesday mandates that advocates must wear a white shirt with a white neckband when appearing in these courts. This concession was approved following submissions from the Advocates' Association, Bengaluru, and the Karnataka State Bar Council, referencing comparable allowances provided in Maharashtra and Goa. Whilst the Principal Bench of the High Court in Bengaluru and its Benches in Dharwad and Kalaburagi are equipped with modern air-conditioning systems, the district and taluk courts lack such cooling facilities.

— BMB

Cracking down on counterfeit drugs

The state government has taken strict measures to curb the sale of counterfeit medicines. In the fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25, legal action has been initiated against pharmaceutical vendors, leading to the filing of 10 cases in 2023-24 and 5 cases in 2024-25, under the Drug and Cosmetics Act. Karnataka Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dinesh Gundu Rao stated that 87 pharmacies have been suspended, and three have been permanently shut down. Responding to a query by Malleswaram MLA Dr Ashwath Narayan, the Minister, in the Legislative Assembly, revealed that counterfeit medicine manufacturing units exist in states like Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. He emphasized that this is a nationwide issue, and that the Karnataka government has urged the central government to take action. The Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (KSMSCL) has supplied 475 out of 732 approved medicines from the 2022-23 procurement list to all state-run medicine warehouses. However, shortages persist for 131 essential medicines. The government is addressing these shortages by sourcing medicines from other districts and approving emergency procurement measures. The Minister noted that the Food Safety and Drug Administration Department has 112 sanctioned drug inspector posts, but only eight are currently filled, leaving 104 positions vacant. "Recruitment efforts have been delayed due to ongoing court cases, including a pending Supreme Court case regarding the 2018 recruitment of 67 inspectors. In the interim, assistant drug controllers are being assigned additional responsibilities to ensure effective drug regulation," he stated.

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Recruitment of college principals to be expedited

The state government will soon finalise the appointment of degree college principals through direct recruitment, said Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar. He informed the Legislative Assembly that the selection process is in its final phase, with documents submitted by shortlisted candidates under verification. The provisional selection list will be released shortly. Responding to a query from Vijayapura MLA Basanagouda R Patil, the Minister said that the Karnataka Examination Authority has conducted the competitive exam and submitted the final merit list to the government. The selection authority, chaired by the Commissioner of Collegiate Education, is verifying candidates' educational qualifications and reservation documents. Senior lecturers are being appointed as acting principals in government degree colleges to ensure smooth administration. The Minister assured that there are no disruptions in college management.. — BMB

2,000 teachers, others to be hired

The state government will soon initiate the recruitment of 2,000 teaching and non-teaching staff positions in the College and Technical Education Departments, announced Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar, in the Legislative Assembly. Responding to a query from Koppal MLA Raghavendra Basavaraj Hitnal, the Minister acknowledged the staff shortage in many engineering colleges. The state budget has provided for the recruitment of these vacant positions. Additionally, 18 new government engineering colleges have been sanctioned, with 16 already operational. Construction work is ongoing for engineering colleges in Arsikere and Devadurga. A committee was formed on July 11, 2024, to evaluate the establishment of new engineering and polytechnic colleges, with further action to be taken based on its recommendations. — BMB

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Get ready for a fine time: Govt plans to go into penalty mode

Tough penalties and strict enforcement aim to curb violations and improve urban governance

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The recently passed Greater Bengaluru Authority Bill in the Karnataka Assembly, awaiting the Governor's assent, aims to introduce a stricter regulatory framework with a strong focus on penalties for violations. Among its provisions, individuals who leave vehicles or animals in a hazardous manner on public streets will face fines of up to ₹1,000. Authorities assert that the bill is designed to enhance urban discipline, protect public property, and curb civic indiscipline, outlining strict consequences for non-compliance.

Hefty fines and imprisonment for violations

The bill enforces strict penalties for violations, imposing fines of up to Rs 2 lakh and imprisonment of up to one year for contravening its provisions. Additionally, breaches of rules framed under the Act may result in similar fines, imprisonment of up to six months, or both, ensuring that civic negligence carries serious legal consequences.

Unauthorised use of corporation property

In a move to protect public assets, the bill criminalises the unauthorised use of corporation property. Individuals found guilty of misappropriation or unauthorised use may face imprisonment for up to three months or a fine of ₹50,000, or both. Officials assert that this provision will deter misuse of civic resources. "Unauthorised occupation and misuse of public assets have long been a concern in Bengaluru. With these stringent measures, we aim to ensure that public property is used responsibly," said a senior BBMP official.

Crackdown on public nuisance

To improve public convenience and ensure road safety, the bill penalises leaving vehicles or animals in a dangerous position on public streets. Offenders will be fined up to ₹1,000, discouraging practices that cause traffic congestion and inconvenience to pedestrians.

Urban planners believe this provision will help streamline Bengaluru's often chaotic streets. "Abandoned vehicles and stray animals left unattended on roads have been a significant issue. The new penalties should enforce better compliance," said transport expert Dr. Ramesh Kulkarni.

Pollution and waste management enforcement

The bill strengthens the 'polluter pays' principle, imposing heavy penalties on individuals and businesses that violate pollution control regulations. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has been designated as the primary enforcement authority, ensuring that polluters are held financially accountable for environmental damage. "Bengaluru's pollution levels have been rising due to lax enforcement. With these penalties, industries and individuals will have no choice but to comply with environmental norms," said environmental activist Dr Meera Rao.

Greater Bengaluru Authority Bill proposes imposing fines of up to ₹2 lakh and imprisonment of up to 1 year for violations

Strict monitoring of building and sanitation violations

A key aspect of the bill is its focus on sanitation and building maintenance. Violations of bye-laws related to drainage, solid waste management, and water supply systems may result in fines of up to ₹1,000, with an additional daily penalty of ₹300 for ongoing breaches after the first conviction. Building owners who fail to comply with safety regulations may face fines of ₹200 per day after receiving a notice from the Chief Commissioner. These measures aim to prevent hazardous structural conditions and ensure urban hygiene.

Ensuring effective implementation

While the bill has been widely welcomed, its implementation remains a key concern. Citizens have stressed the need for transparency and fair enforcement to prevent misuse of its provisions. Experts argue that stringent penalties must be backed by efficient administrative oversight. "Laws alone cannot bring change; proper execution and accountability are crucial for Bengaluru to transform into a well-governed metropolis," said legal expert Arvind Kumar.

NGT slams officials for lake neglect

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Directions issued over year ago to restore YM Shetty lake lake still not in place, says tribunal

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has rapped government agencies for lack of action to improve Yale Mallappa Shetty Lake near KR Puram despite instructions given by the court.

The Tribunal, in its order dated March 7, noted that the directions issued over a year ago to restore the lake have not been implemented.

"A recent report by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) indicates that the Tribunal's directives were not complied with until the time of filing," the tribunal stated in its order.

Notably, the NGT took suo motu cognisance of the deteriorating condition of Yele Mallappa Shetty Lake based on an article published in Bangalore Mirror on January 9, 2024. The article highlighted the worsening condition of the lake, primarily due to encroachment and the dumping of construction and demolition (C&D) waste on the lake bund. Taking cognisance of the issue, the green court issued notices to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the KSPCB, the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate of Bengaluru, and the Karnataka State Wetland Authority for further proceedings.

However, a site inspection report by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) informed the NGT that the lake's buffer zone has been encroached upon by residential layouts. The report also highlighted the presence of a burial ground within the buffer zone, along with two residential layouts. Additionally, several industrial units, including waste paper and plastic baling units and scrap yards, were found within the lake buffer.

Moreover, the chain link fencing work taken up by the Minor Irrigation Department is partially completed, with only 3 km out of the total perimeter of 9.3 km secured so far. The report further noted that approximately 85% of the lake surface is covered with water hyacinth. During the inspection, local residents informed the KSPCB about a persistent foul smell caused by sewage inflow and solid waste dumping, which has also led to a mosquito menace in the area.

The NGT now instructed the agencies to place on record the latest status of the lake and has pushed the date of the hearing to April 1.

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A pedestrian crossing right in front of Ulsoor Gate Police Station is blocked by a barrier. Why?

Garbage zone

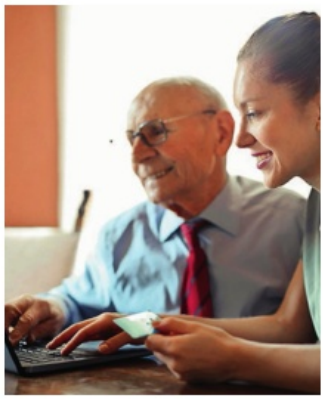
KR Market

Pourakarmikas are present, yet garbage piles up, stinking and obstructing pedestrian movement at KR Market.

5 reasons why NPS should certainly be a part of your retirement planning

Low management fees, contributions

NPS (National Pension Scheme) is one of the cheapest products available for retirement planning. As per experts, investors pay just around Rs.30-90/ lakh every year in NPS, as opposed to around 2-2.5% expense fees which are generally charged by actively managed mutual funds. Moreover, the minimum annual contribution required to open an NPS Tier-1 is Rs.500, while the minimum annual amount to be deposited in a Tier-1 account is Rs.1,000.



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NPS-Tier 1 account offers multiple tax benefits. Annually, NPS contributions are eligible for deduction in the overall Rs.1.5 lakh limit available under Section 80C. Taxpayers can also avail of an additional Rs.50,000 deduction, over and above the Section 80C limit under 80CCD(1b). Note that these benefits are only available under the old tax regime. Under the new tax regime, contributions of up to 10% of salary (Basic + DA), contributed by the employer are tax-free.

More flexibility

Investors can choose from around 11 fund managers, with the option to change their manager once a year. Moreover, investors also have the choice to modify their asset mix up to 4 times a year, without having any tax implications. It is not necessary to make regular contributions every month, since the Tier-1 account will stay active only with an annual contribution of Rs.1,000.

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Stray dog freed after 2 days of struggle in plastic pot

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At last a much-needed relief to the stray dog struggling to get its head released from a plastic pot at Jnanabharathi campus near Kengeri. A few people who visited the Jnanabharathi campus for a walk in the morning noticed a traumatised stray dog with its head stuck in a plastic pot.

Venkatesh Cheluvegowda from Pramod Layout informed Rashmi D'Souza, a former Karnataka Animal Welfare Board member. She informed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Animal Husbandry Department about the plight of the dog. "They have promised to visit the spot and rescue the dog but nothing has been done due to the reasons best known to them. Finally, I informed Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA) about the dog. I am very happy to see the dog is free from the plastic pot," said Rashmi D'Souza.

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, Suparna Ganguly of CUPA said that she sent two teams from the CUPA Trauma Centre, Hebbal to the Jnanabharathi campus. "The teams had to visit the Jnanabharathi campus in the morning and at night for two days to find the dog. It was not easy to locate the dog as it was under trauma and shock due to its head getting stuck in the plastic pot. Finally, our team members succeeded in locating the dog and catching it and releasing its head from the plastic pot," said Suparna Ganguly.

Rescuers searched campus for two days before freeing the traumatised dog trapped in a plastic pot

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, Venkatesh Cheluvegowda, who informed Rashmi D'Souza about the plight of the dog, said that he tried to go near the dog but it used to run away out of fear. "Finally, I informed Rashmi D'Souza who took the initiative to inform CUPA. I visited Jnanabharathi campus today (Friday) for a walk. My joy knew no bounds to see the dog freed from the plastic pot," he said.

Narcotics deals cracked open

Three arrested in ganja seizure

A covert operation by Devanahalli Police led to the arrest of three individuals involved in drug peddling, uncovering a significant link in the city's narcotics trade. Acting on a tip-off, officers swooped down on two suspects selling ganja near Rani Cross, MR Layout, on March 8. Their arrest soon led to the seizure of 3 kg 200 grams of ganja, two mobile phones, a weighing machine, and a two-wheeler.

The arrested duo provided crucial leads about their supplier. Following this, the police conducted a raid at a residence in BTM Layout, New Gurappanapally, leading to the arrest of a third accomplice. The accused confessed to sourcing ganja from an unknown dealer at a low price and distributing it in the city.

The seized contraband and assets, valued at 1.80 lakh, have been taken into police custody. The trio was presented before the Court on March 9, and subsequently remanded to judicial custody. The Devanahalli Police have intensified their investigation to trace the larger supply network behind the illicit trade.

CRIME FILES

Twin raids bust drug, tobacco rings

In a crackdown on illicit drug and tobacco trade, the Anti-Narcotics Squad of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) conducted two successful operations on March 11 seizing banned substances worth 55.50 lakh and arresting two individuals.

In the first raid, CCB officers stormed a godown under Kalasipalya Police Station limits and apprehended a man illegally storing tobacco products from Hans and Ganesh companies without the mandatory health warnings. Along with the confiscated goods, authorities also seized 45 lakh in cash from his possession. The accused and the seized items have been handed over to Kalasipalya Police for further legal action, while efforts are underway to trace two other absconding suspects.

Later that day, acting on a tip-off, CCB officers targeted a drug peddler operating in the parking lot of Ram Rao Layout Playground in Katthariguppe, under Channammakere Achukattu Police Station limits. The team arrested a suspect in possession of 55.20 grams of MDMA crystal and 1.905 kg of ganja, along with a car used for trafficking.

Luxury car used for peddling

A high-end car doubled as a moving drug den until Konanakunte Police swooped in, arresting two peddlers red-handed at Jodi Road, Narayananagar. Acting on a tip-off, officers uncovered a stash of ganja and hashish oil, bringing an illicit operation to a screeching halt. Acting on a tip-off from an informant, officials raided the location, apprehending the duo and seizing 1 kg 122 g of ganja and 3 kg 44 g of hashish oil, along with the luxury car they were using for distribution.

During interrogation, the suspects admitted to procuring ganja and hashish oil from an unidentified supplier in Odisha at a low price, intending to sell them at exorbitant rates in Bengaluru. The police confiscated 1 kg 122 g of ganja and 3 kg 44 g of hashish oil, along with the luxury car they were using for distribution. The total value of the seized contraband and the vehicle is estimated at 46.10 lakh.

Following their arrest, both accused were produced before the Court on March 13 and were remanded to judicial custody under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

Police foil drug sale

Acting on a tip-off, Whitefield Police arrested two individuals from Odisha and Andhra Pradesh for illegally selling ganja near Nallurahalli Lake. The operation, conducted on March 3, led to the seizure of 12 kg 900 g of ganja and a Toyota Etios, collectively valued at 1.80 lakh.

According to police officials, an informant alerted officials about the accused peddling the banned drug in a car parked by the roadside. Acting swiftly, officers registered a case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and raided the location. The suspects were caught red-handed, and both the contraband and vehicle were confiscated.

During interrogation, the accused admitted to procuring ganja at a lower price and reselling it for profit. Investigations suggest they were part of a larger supply chain funnelling drugs into the city. The seized car, suspected to have been used for transportation, has been impounded.

Silver puja items recovered, thief held

A thief who stole silver puja items and cash from a temple near Amba Bhavani Temple, Vidyaranyapura, has been arrested, and valuables worth 2.4 lakh have been recovered.

The theft came to light on the morning of March 6, when the complainant, Piyadudar, arrived at the temple and discovered that the lock on the shutter had been broken. Upon inspection, it was found that silver idols, puja articles, and money from the temple hundi were missing. A case was immediately registered at the Yelahanka Suburban Police Station.

Acting swiftly, the police launched an investigation and pursued multiple leads. With crucial inputs from local sources, they zeroed in on a suspect near the Vidyaranyapura Arch on March 7. Upon interrogation, the suspect confessed to the crime, leading to the recovery of stolen items, including a 500 gm silver cow and calf idol, a 500 gm silver blessing crown, silver lamps, plates, bowls, a silver vase, and a Mohan garland. Additionally, 4,000 in cash was seized from the accused. In total, 2 kg 740 grams of silver articles, valued at 2.4 lakh, were recovered. The accused was produced before the Court on March 8 and has been remanded to judicial custody.

Turahalli sees first fire of season

With the forest fire season at its peak, Turahalli Forest also experienced its first incident of the season on Friday.

A ground fire broke inside the forest area on Friday afternoon. According to the officials from the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD), it was brought under control by 6 pm.

Grounf fire erupted in the forest on Friday afternoon

"The fire broke out during the afternoon hours. It was a ground fire that spread to nearly three acres of the forest. We suspect it to be a man-made fire by some miscreant. However, we quickly brought it under control. The fire has been completely extinguished," Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF), Bengaluru Urban Ravindra Kumar told BM.

The Department has increased patrolling in the area to avoid further incidents. -BMB

Health dept hiring doctors

The Karnataka Health and Family Welfare Department is taking steps to fill vacant posts for specialist doctors, general duty medical officers, and dental health officers, said Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao in the Legislative Assembly. Responding to a query from MLA Kashappanavar Vijayanand Shivashankarappa, the minister stated that the Finance Department has approved the recruitment of 120 specialist doctors and 100 general duty medical officers. The selection process will follow direct recruitment norms. -BMB

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Commercial infrastructure

Another reason for the rising interest in the Nelamangala-Sondekoppa belt is the growth of social infrastructure. "With reputed educational institutions, families are showing more interest in moving here. Moreover, retail and entertainment hubs, along with IT parks, are likely to come up along this stretch. Additionally, with the Karnataka government focusing on developing satellite towns, Nelamangala is expected to witness industrial and commercial expansion," said Devanand K, a buyer.

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SOLITUDE BY THE LAKE

Our reader captured on the mobile at Rachenahalli Lake, Hebbal, this serene moment showcases a lone figure gazing at the calm waters, framed by lush trees. The misty skyline in the background adds to the tranquil and introspective mood of the scene.

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Water tariff hike looms

BWSSB suggests 7-8 paise per litre, government considering 1 paise per litre

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The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) which has been hinting at a water tariff hike for a long time has proposed a tariff hike of 7-8 paise per litre. However, the government is currently considering a minimal increase of 1 paise per litre. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said, "A final decision will be taken after discussions with city legislators. During the Legislative Council's zero-hour session, Congress member Ramoji Gowda highlighted the drinking water crisis in East Bengaluru, where private water tankers have doubled their rates due to shortages. He urged the government to supply free water to affected areas and expedite Cauvery water connections."

Responding to the concerns, Minister Shivakumar acknowledged the water shortage and stressed the need for a tariff revision, as rates have remained unchanged since 2014. He stated, "BWSSB faces an annual loss of nearly Rs1,000 crore, with rising power costs adding to the financial strain. While the board proposed a 7-8 paise tariff hike, I have suggested a 1-paise increase for now. A final decision will be made after consulting Bengaluru's MLAs."

BWSSB water pipeline being laid at Komaghatta Main Road (File Photo)

Previously, the minister emphasised the necessity of supplying water to Bengaluru's 140 crore people, which requires expanding the distribution network. "Without a tariff revision, BWSSB risks financial collapse, making it difficult to sustain operations and support its employees. He also highlighted that BWSSB has been struggling to pay its electricity bills, which have risen sharply over the

Officials say urgent reforms are needed to sustain essential services as city faces dual crisis-water scarcity & waste mismanagement

past 14 years. To mitigate these costs, the government is exploring the possibility of setting up a captive power generation facility to reduce expenses across Bengaluru", DKS had said.

A BWSSB official said that there has been a dramatic rise in their monthly power bill, which has jumped by Rs 10 crore. "Currently, water is being pumped from the TK Halli, Harohalli, and Tataguni pumping stations, resulting in a rise in the total power bill from Rs 78 crore to Rs 88-90 crore. We supply Cauvery water to 10.5 lakh households, generating Rs 110 crore in revenue. However, the escalating power costs are depleting most of our funds, leaving minimal resources for salaries and maintenance. Given these financial constraints, increasing the water tariff appears to be the only feasible solution, though it has met with resistance."

Garbage disposal crisis

Highlighting the waste management mafia, Shivakumar admitted that legal hurdles have stalled new waste disposal tenders. "Earlier, there were 89 groups managing waste disposal. Now, they have collectively approached the court, preventing us from making new arrangements. Some Bengaluru MLAs are blackmailing us over this issue," he alleged. He announced plans to shift waste processing to the city's outskirts.

DID YOU KNOW?

Global Sea levels rose faster than anticipated in 2024, primarily due to the expansion of ocean water as it warms, NASA reported on Thursday.

A NASA-led analysis found that last year's rate of sea level rise was 0.59 centimetres per year, higher than the expected 0.43 centimetres per year, Xinhua news agency reported.

"Every year is a little bit different, but what's clear is that the ocean continues to rise, and the rate of rise is getting faster and faster," said Josh Willis, a sea level researcher at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California. The unexpected increase was attributed to an unusual amount of ocean warming, combined with meltwater from land-based ice, such as glaciers, NASA explained. In recent years, about two-thirds of sea level rise was driven by the addition of water from melting ice sheets and glaciers, with the remaining third attributed to thermal expansion of seawater. However, in 2024, these contributions were reversed, with two-thirds of the rise coming from thermal expansion, according to NASA. — IANS

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Revanth Reddy pays tribute to Congress's six guarantees? Here's the truth

Newsmeter.in

A photo is circulating widely on social media claiming that Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy paid tributes to a framed image of the 'Six Guarantees' announced by the Congress party during its poll campaign in 2023. In the image, CM Revanth Reddy can be seen standing with folded hands in front of a framed, garlanded image of Six Guarantees represented graphically. A prominent text on the image says, "In 100 days, every guarantee will be fulfilled." A loose translation of Telugu text at the bottom of the image says, "Revanth Reddy bids farewell to Six Guarantees." An X user shared the image with the caption, "RIP Six Guarantees - Om Shanti." (Archive)

The Congress party heavily promoted its Six Guarantees—welfare promises for women, farmers, and youth in Telangana—during the State Assembly elections in 2023. The implementation of the promises and their timeline has been a contentious issue in State politics.

Fact Check

NewsMeter found that the claim is false. The original photo shows CM Revanth Reddy paying tributes to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj on his birth anniversary. A Google reverse image search led us to a Facebook post by the CMO Telangana, dated February 19, 2025. The post stated, "On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy paid floral tributes to the portrait of the great leader at his Jubilee Hills residence. Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, MLAs Vakiti Srihari, Bandla Krishnamohan Reddy, and other representatives also paid their respects."

The image in the post matched the viral photo, except that in the original, CM Revanth Reddy is paying tribute to a portrait of Shivaji Maharaj, not a framed image of the six guarantees. A comparison of the two images revealed that the viral version has been digitally altered. The framed photo of Shivaji Maharaj was replaced with an image of six guarantees. Additionally, the viral image includes two long diyas and an artificial-looking agarbatti stand, which were absent in the original.

We also found a similar post shared by CM Revanth Reddy on his official X handle on February 19, 2025.

Therefore, the viral claim that CM Revanth Reddy paid tributes to six guarantees is false. The original image shows him paying respects to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj on his birth anniversary, and the viral photo has been digitally manipulated.

The story was originally published by newsmeter.in (https://newsmeter.in/fact-check/cm-revanth-reddy-pays-tribute-to-congresss-six-guarantees-heres-the-truth-745075) and republished by Bangalore Mirror as part of the Shakti Collective.

Pharmacist takes K'taka Pharmacy Council to court

Petitioner moves HC, challenging Council's claim of being private body and exempt from RTI Act

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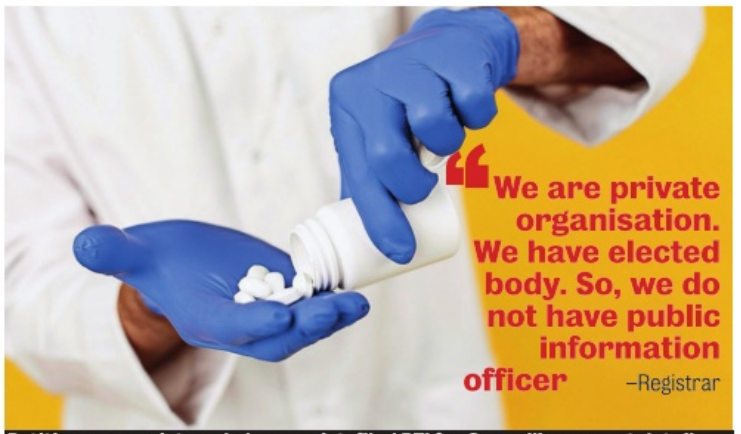
A writ petition challenging the legality and validity of the endorsement issued by the Under Secretary of the Karnataka Information Commission has been filed in the High Court. The petitioner, a qualified pharmacist registered with the Karnataka State Pharmacy Council, has applied to the Right to Information (RTI) Act 2005 seeking information about the abstract of accounts filed by the Karnataka State Pharmacy Council.

According to the writ petition, the Karnataka State Pharmacy Council was established by the State Government under the Section 19 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and it comes within the purview of Section 2(h) of the RTI Act. It stated that Karnataka State Pharmacy Council is under the administrative control of the State Government.

The petitioner stated that, in response to the RTI application, respondent 4 (Karnataka State Pharmacy Council) has sent a reply (KPSC/1074/2024-25, dated: 04-01-2024) stating that Karnataka State Pharmacy Council will not come under the purview of the RTI Act.



Petitioner, a registered pharmacist, filed RTI for Council's account details

According to documents available with Bangalore Mirror, Andhra Pradesh Pharmacy Council, Maharashtra State Pharmacy Council, Pharmacy Council of India, Kerala State Pharmacy Council, and Maharashtra State Pharmacy Council come under the RTI Act. These councils were also established under Section 19 of the Pharmacy Act, of 1948.

It is said the petitioner filed a second appeal on February 25, 2024, before the Karnataka Information Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act. "The respondent No 2 (Karnataka Information Commission) has to register the second appeal and pass an order under Section 19(8) of the RTI Act, the respondent No 3 (Under Secretary of Karnataka Information Commission) has erroneously issued an endorsement on March 22, 2024 stating that prima facie it appears Karnataka State Pharmacy Council is a private organisation and accordingly requested me to furnish the document disclosing that said council is a Public Authority," said Pradeep K, who filed the writ petition in the High Court.

Meanwhile, BM Santosh, an advocate representing the petitioner, said that Karnataka State Pharmacy Council is a public institution under Section 2(h) of the RTI Act. As per Section 2(h) of the RTI Act, the public authority includes any institution or authority that is established by the Constitution, Parliament or State Legislature.

The State Pharmacy Councils are constituted by every state for the purpose envisaged in the Pharmacy Act. The objective of the Karnataka State Pharmacy Council is to grant registration to eligible pharmacists to qualified people.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka State Pharmacy Council Registrar said that the council does not come under the RTI purview. "We are a private organisation. We have an elected body. So, we do not have a public information officer," the Registrar said.

IN BRIEF

Actress Ranya Rao's bail denied

The Special Court for Economic Offences in Bengaluru on Friday rejected the bail petition of jailed actress Ranya Rao in connection with the gold smuggling case. Judge Vishwanath C Goudar passed the order considering the submission by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI). Meanwhile, the second accused in the case Tarun Raju's counsel submitted the bail petition before the court and the DRI was asked to submit its objections.

The court has passed the order considering the seriousness of the case. The DRI earlier submitted to the court that the gold smuggling case involving Ranya Rao has international and hawala links, making it a matter of national security.

Madhu Rao, senior counsel representing the DRI, argued against Ranya Rao's bail petition in court on Wednesday, stating that an investigation into the involvement of a smuggling syndicate is necessary.

"If we consider the criminal intent behind the case, jail is the appropriate place for her. The court should not grant bail merely on the grounds that the accused is a woman," Rao stated.

The counsel also pointed out that Ranya Rao possesses an identity card showing her as a resident of Dubai, which increases the risk of her fleeing the country. —IANS

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World Kidney Day: Honouring Heroes and Raising Awareness for Kidney Health

Bengaluru: World Kidney Day, observed annually on the second Thursday of March, aims to raise awareness about kidney health and the importance of preventive care. This year, Sagar Hospitals marked the occasion by organising multiple initiatives, including free kidney health check-ups and educational programs, while also honouring patients living with kidney disease and individuals who have contributed significantly to kidney health awareness and treatment.

Ishiqa Multani, President of Sagar Group of Hospitals, emphasised the hospitals' commitment to providing quality renal care. "Kidney disease is a silent epidemic, affecting over 850 million people worldwide, yet awareness remains alarmingly low. At Sagar Hospitals, we are committed to bridging this gap through early diagnosis, patient education, and advanced nephrology care. With nearly 10% of the global population suffering from chronic kidney disease and millions in India still undiagnosed, it is crucial to take proactive steps. Our initiatives, including free check-ups and awareness programs, are a testament to our ongoing mission to combat kidney diseases and improve public health."

Dr. Sanjeev Hiremath, Senior Consultant Nephrologist at Sagar Hospitals-Jayanagar, highlighted the growing burden of kidney diseases in India. "Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is often silent in its early stages. By the time symptoms appear, significant damage has already occurred. Regular health check-ups, maintaining optimal blood pressure and blood sugar levels, and staying hydrated can help in early detection and prevention."

Echoing similar concerns, Dr. Padmanabhan, Chief Consultant Nephrologist at Sagar Hospitals-Banashankari, pointed out the lack of awareness as a major challenge. "Many people are unaware that conditions like diabetes and hypertension are the leading causes of kidney disease. We need widespread awareness campaigns to educate the public about the risk factors and necessary preventive measures."

Dr. Mallikarjun, Consultant Nephrologist at Sagar Hospitals-Banashankari, emphasised the role of lifestyle choices in kidney health. "A diet rich in fresh fruits and vegetables, adequate water intake, and regular exercise are key to preventing kidney-related complications. Additionally, avoiding excessive use of over-the-counter painkillers and maintaining a healthy weight can significantly reduce the risk of CKD."

With the prevalence of kidney diseases on the rise, experts urge individuals to adopt proactive measures and undergo routine screenings. As part of the World Kidney Day initiative, Sagar Hospitals is conducting free kidney health check-up camps to encourage early detection and treatment.

World Kidney Day serves as a crucial reminder that kidney health is integral to overall well-being. Through increased awareness, preventive care, and timely medical intervention, we can work towards reducing the burden of kidney diseases in society.

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Ducts incomplete, pole plan just on paper

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on a permanent basis thus leading to an ongoing cycle of uncertainty and problems," the letter read.

Manjunath P Herle, working president of Bharat Fiber Franchisees Association of Karnataka, told BM the Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) can generate additional revenue by allowing cable operators to use the electric poles for overhead cables. "We have approached the Bescom officials too, but nothing has been finalised till date," Herle said.

The cable operators alleged that lack of transparency and commitment among the BBMP officials is the main reason for the overhead cables problem in the city. They also blame the so-called local leaders and politicians for the problems.

Karnataka Digital Cable Operators Welfare Association General Secretary Yatish M urged the BBMP and the state government Government to take immediate action to address the issue of unauthorised cable laying across the city.

"To ensure a systematic and long-term resolution, we urge the authorities concerned to constitute a joint committee comprising representatives from BBMP, relevant government departments, and cable operators.

This committee should work towards establishing a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to regulate cable laying and prevent unauthorised installations in the future.

We believe that a well-defined SOP would help streamline operations, maintain urban infrastructure, and prevent further disruptions to public spaces," Yatish said. Recently, the BBMP Chief Commissioner issued an order to remove overhead cables at many areas in the city. Cable operators are demanding that the authorities provide ducts or allow them to lay cables underground on those roads that have no ducts.

BSNL Principal General Manager B Venkateswarlu told BM that he, along with cable operators, has discussed the issue with the BBMP authorities but nothing has been done to mitigate the problems. "BSNL maintains 7,000 CCTV cameras at 3,000 locations in the city under the Safe City Project.

All these CCTV cameras are connected with overhead cables. It will be chaos if the BBMP authorities cut these overhead cables mistaking those cables as unauthorised cables. The BBMP officials must think of providing us with ducts for laying cables before cutting overhead cables," said Venkateswarlu.

There was a proposal from the BBMP to erect poles to lay OFCs overhead on 58 roads covering over 100 km in the city but the proposal has remained on paper even a decade after it was first proposed.

Of 385 burglaries, 73 occurred in the day

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burglary during day time, 182 cases were reported, in which the city lost property worth Rs 331,731,275 last year.

"People tend to share their travel plans, check-ins at airports, and even countdowns to their vacations without realising that they are inadvertently alerting criminals about an unoccupied home," said a senior police official. "This makes it easier for burglars to strike."

Police officials put out the post on X: "Enjoy your vacation, but don't advertise your absence! Avoid posting travel plans online- burglars are watching too.

Stay smart, stay secure." Further in the post it described not to post about your upcoming holiday and don't post about your holiday while you are still away.

Police officials strongly recommended delaying vacation posts until returning home. They also advised citizens to take additional security measures, such as informing trusted neighbours about their absence, installing security cameras, and avoiding disclosing travel schedules on public forums.

Careful with the key, now

In a recent case reported in the Bandepalya police limits, a man identified as KT Annappa, was arrested for being involved in a burglary and police recovered 83 grams of stolen gold jewelry worth Rs 3.5 lakh. The accused, a resident of Hosapalaya, had committed the crime allegedly to fuel his betting need. He was taken into custody near the Hongasandra bus stand on March 5.

According to the complaint filed at the Bandepalya Police Station on February 28, the complainant had locked their house and left the key in a flower rack next to the front door before heading to work.

Taking advantage of this, the accused allegedly used the key to open a window and gain access to the house, stealing gold ornaments from a cupboard.

During the investigation, the police gathered intelligence and tracked the suspect. Upon interrogation, the accused confessed to the crime and admitted to selling the stolen gold at a jewelry shop in Jayanagar 9th Block. The police recovered the stolen gold from the shop on the same day. The police have urged residents to take extra precautions with their house keys to prevent similar incidents.

Police are using social media platforms to educate users on various safety measures.

To improve home security while residents are away, the city police officials also advised use of 'Locked House Checking System'."

BM had reported earlier about police urging those planning to be away for more than a day—whether for travel, religious events, or other reasons—to register their property by contacting the nearest police station. Residents can submit a photograph of their locked house, along with their full address and mobile number.

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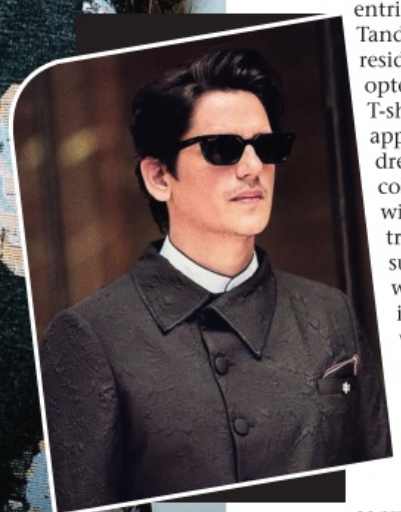
Tamannaah and Vijay celebrate festival together amid break-up rumours



Looks like "Holi ke din dil khil jate hai" holds true in the case of Tamannaah Bhatia and Vijay Varma—at least, we can assume so. Amidst swirling breakup rumors, videos and pictures of Tamannaah and Vijay at Raveena Tandon's Holi party are making rounds on social media. Although they arrived separately, the fact that they celebrated the festival together does seem like a positive sign for their fans.

Both Vijay and Tamannaah were seen making stylish entries at Raveena Tandon's residence. Vijay opted for a white T-shirt, which appeared drenched in colors, paired with jeans and trendy sunglasses. He was also seen interacting warmly with fans and paparazzi, clicking pictures, and engaging in conversations. Tamannaah, on the other hand, kept it chic and casual with a white tube top, olive green cargo pants, and a plain white shirt worn as a jacket. She completed her look with sunglasses and was spotted affectionately playing with dogs in the area, adding a wholesome touch to her appearance.

Their presence at the event naturally caught the attention of fans, who had been speculating about their relationship status following reports of a breakup. Tamannaah and Vijay have been adored as a couple, frequently setting relationship goals with their public appearances and social media moments. Their chemistry even sparked rumors of an impending wedding, with reports suggesting that their families were happy about their union.

However, recent news of their alleged split left fans surprised.

According to a Siasat Daily report, the couple broke up a few weeks ago due to differing perspectives on their future together. Tamannaah was reportedly eager to settle down and get married, whereas Vijay was not ready for that commitment. This difference in priorities allegedly led to frequent disagreements, eventually resulting in a breakup.

—ETimes

Suspenseful story

PRATYARTHA

2.5 RATING ★★½☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Arjun Kamath
- **ACTORS** Ramnath Shanbhag, Shruthi Chandrashekar, Akshay Karkala, Suman, Naveen D Padil, Ramesh Bhat
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 139 minutes

Director Arjun Kamath has selected a script with all elements such as romance, action, violence and crime. The script is written by Ramnath Shanbhag, who also plays one of the heroes in the movie. The director deserves a pat on the back for keeping the screenplay crisp and gripping. He has narrated the story in reverse timeline. Though most of the actors are newcomers, the director has succeeded in making the movie interesting.

The movie begins with three police constables, including Ramanna (Deepak Rai Panaje), on duty at a spot where Ayush (Ramnath Shanbhag) has met with a road accident. Police Inspector Shankar (Akshay Karkala) of Maagilu Police Station visits the spot and suspects it as an attempt to murder. At this juncture, the director introduces a flashback narrating how Ayush joins an engineering college and he meets Priya (Shruthi Chandrashekar), the daughter of former minister Shashikanth (Suman). Ayush falls in love with Priya. Circumstances compel Ayush to rescue a girl in a road accident and admit her to a hospital. Doctors ask Ayush to donate blood and he agrees. The doctor informs him then that he is an AIDS patient. Later, he decides to keep away from Priya. What happens to Ayush and Priya is what Pratyartha is all about.

Shanbhag has to go a long way to establish himself as an actor in Sandalwood. He looks stoic in most of the scenes. Shruthi Chandrashekar has acted well. Akshay Karkala walks away with all honours for his sterling performance. Ramesh Bhat, Naveen D Padil, Suman, and Deepak Rai Panaje provide good support. College scenes, though incongruous, provide comic relief. Songs are melodious and meaningful. Sunaad Gowtham has done wonders with the lilting music. However, the climax scene looks incongruous because the villain manages to start a fire in the pouring rain. The scene where the hero meets the heroine and helps her get rid of hiccups is also far from convincing.

But if you enjoy suspense thrillers, this movie is worth a watch.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Sharon Stone claims she was 'cast away'

Sharon Stone recently surprised everyone as she claimed she was cast and then dropped from Paul Feig's upcoming thriller 'Another Simple Favor'.

The film, which recently had its world premiere at SXSW and is due for release on May 1, reunites Blake Lively and Anna Kendrick in lead roles. Stone had not been reported as joining the movie, but in a comment on Instagram she not only claimed she had been cast, but she was also somewhat abruptly un-cast, Variety reported. "I LOVED being cast and removed from my role unexpectedly for no reason at all LOVED it," she posted. —ANI

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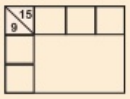
The tip of an arrow travelling at 200 feet per second is 10 feet from the target. In how many milli seconds will it reach the target?

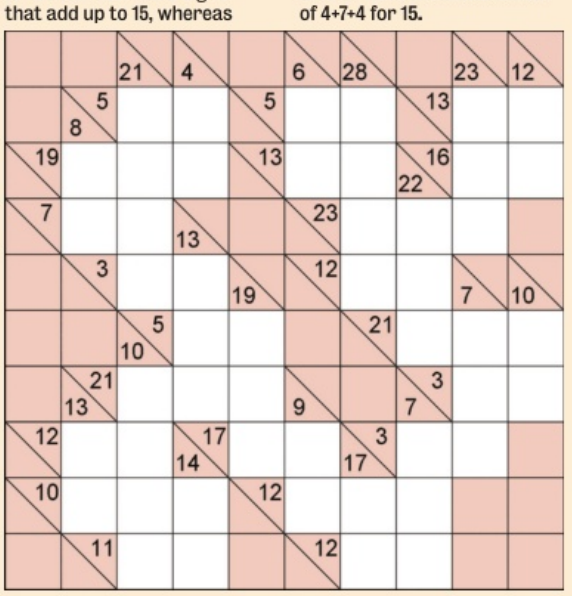
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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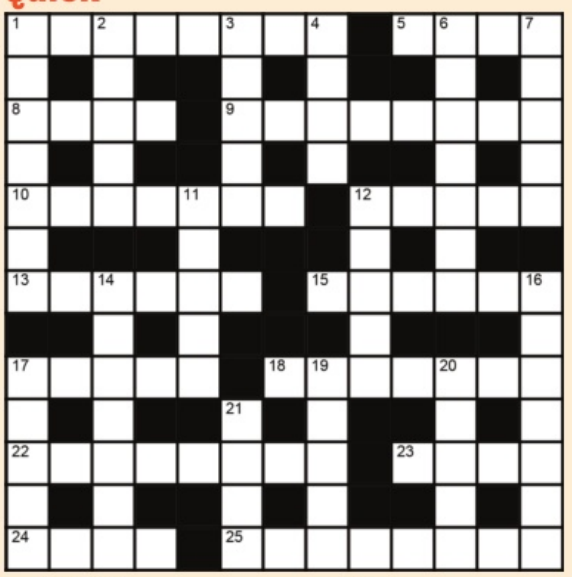


ACROSS

1 Healthcare facility (8)
5 Invitation request (4)
8 At that time (4)
9 Preserve or contend (8)
10 Orchestra member (7)
12 Shade of purple (5)
13 In ___ : alongside each other (6)
15 Bollywood's ___ Kher (6)
17 Urticaria (5)
18 Marred, ruined or looted (7)
22 Turncoats (8)
23 Concludes (4)
24 Sci-fi/fantasy award (4)
25 Time span (8)

DOWN

1 Star performer (3,4)
2 Precipitous (5)
3 Domesticates (5)
4 Not of the clergy (4)
6 Thin slice of meat (7)
7 Sudden unreasoning fear (5)
11 Thoughts or views (5)
12 Jargon (5)
14 Theatre at Rajaji Nagar (7)
16 NY's ____ Square Garden (7)
17 Emerge from an egg (5)
19 Difficult question (5)
20 Hawaiian veranda (5)
21 Audacious (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: D EQUALS S

OBP HVGGPN QZ DYKKPDD RD WPDO KHREWPG WX DOPSSRAI QA OBP NYAID QZ QSSQNO-YAROX.

Linemaro

There is something on your face.
Oh, it's just a smudge of cuteness

Mindchow

You cannot swim for new horizons until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore

Joke of the day

Dear Algebra, stop asking us to find your X. She is not coming back

Loop

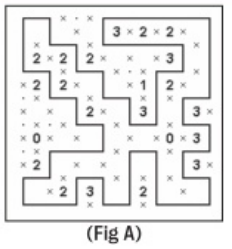
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

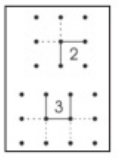
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

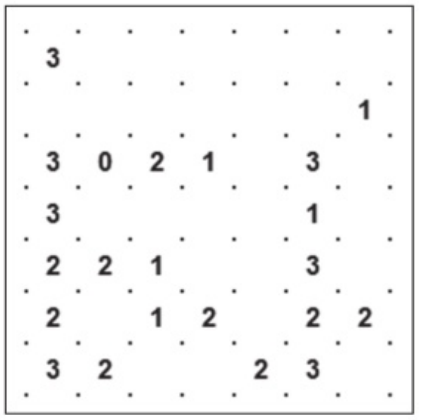
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



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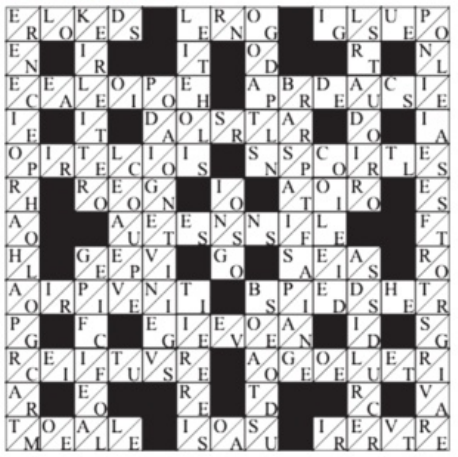
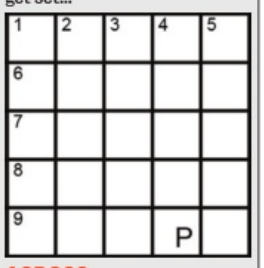


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Nacre; 6 Latex;
7 No sib; 8 A alum;
9 Yes PL

DOWN

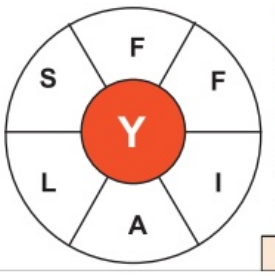
1 Buyer; 2 Axle I;
3 Lansa; 4 PLC mo;
5 Nates

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the sequence?

0	6	4	1	2	1
1	2	5	1	4	4
2	1	6	1	6	9
3	4	3	1	9	6
5	1	2	2	2	5
7	2	9	2	5	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	8		5		7			
			8			3		
3	9	7		2				
9	5					7		
	3	8	6		9	4	1	
		6					9	3
				7		6	2	8
		5			8			
			9		2		7	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 7
2 3 3 5

Medium = 1
5 6 7 9

Hard = 4
1 5 6 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

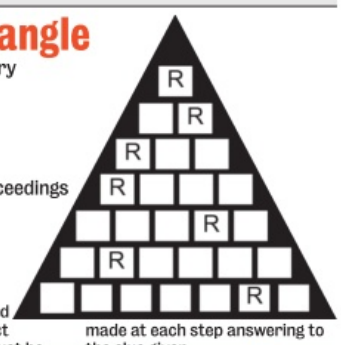
Differences: 1. Stocking is moved. 2. Hand is lower. 3. Brick is lower. 4. Ribbon is shorter. 5. Log is missing. 6. Mouth is open.

Riddler

I have five letters and people eat me. When you remove my first letter I become a crime. Remove my first two letters and I am an animal. If you remove my first and last letters I'm a form of music. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Radius in geometry
2 Either
3 Retina cell
4 Street
5 Decorate
6 More or less
7 Suspend the proceedings



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

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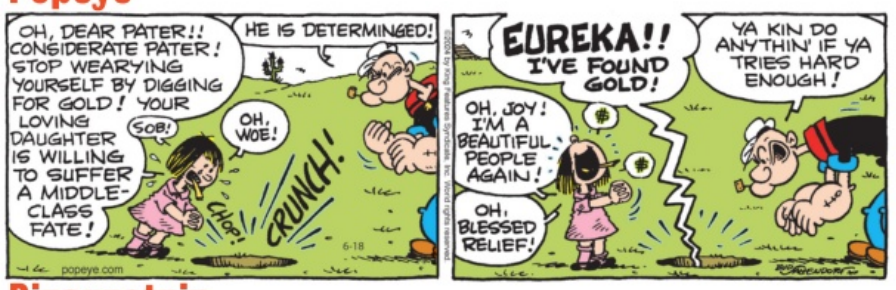
OH, DEAR PATER!! CONSIDERATE PATER! STOP WEARYING YOURSELF BY DIGGING FOR GOLD! YOUR LOVING DAUGHTER IS WILLING TO SUFFER A MIDDLE-CLASS FATE!
HE IS DETERMINGED!
SOB!
OH, WOE!
CHOP!
CRUNCH!
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EUREKA!! I'VE FOUND GOLD!
YA KIN DO ANYTHIN' IF YA TRIES HARD ENOUGH!
OH, JOY! I'M A BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE AGAIN!
OH, BLESSED RELIEF!

Bizarrotrip

MORE NEARLY SUPER HEROES
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Always finds maxed out parking meters
Cleans coffeepot in the break room
Has vivid dreams, doesn't share them
Wayno & Piraro 12-9-24

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO DO YOUR MAKEUP?
MY BIO MOM TEACHES ME WHEN I GO OVER THERE ON WEEKENDS.
YOU SHOULD COME WITH ME NEXT TIME. MY BIO MOM IS YOUR... UMMM. WELL, IF WE'RE STEPSISTERS, THAT MEANS... SHE'S YOUR STEPMOM?? I DON'T KNOW. CALL HER WHAT YOU WANT.
HOW ABOUT "SHARI'S MOM"?
THAT'S ACCURATE!
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Crankshaft

THE HOLIDAY CONCERT IS LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY, AND YOU'RE NOWHERE CLOSE TO READY!!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR... !!?
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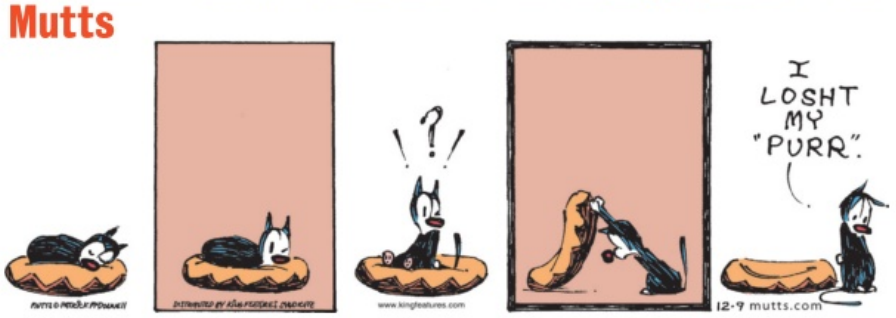
Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
The Moon's blessings bring positive news in your professional life. Your domestic environment will be joyful, making it a good time for real estate investments. However, avoid unnecessary arguments, as over-excitement may test your patience. Students will remain focused on their studies.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may feel sluggish at first but will eventually regain focus. Pay extra attention to your children's academics. You are likely to overcome challenges and adversaries. Investors should be cautious, and job seekers may find promising opportunities.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Negative energy may cause unhappiness today. Avoid investing in unworthy assets. Friends may not offer the support you expect, so trust your own decisions. Independent choices will serve you best.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
A sluggish day may bring obstacles at work. Exercise patience when making financial investments, and avoid impulsive business decisions. Curb unnecessary spending to prevent dissatisfaction within your family.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Hard work will lead to success. A short work-related trip may be on the horizon. Your subordinates will support your business plans, and even competitors may acknowledge your efforts. Good news regarding your siblings may arrive.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Your energy and inner strength will help you execute plans successfully. However, carefully review all documents before signing anything. Over-enthusiasm may lead to impulsive investments in a family business. Lovebirds should avoid unnecessary discussions that could lead to conflicts.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Anxiety and restlessness may create challenges. Avoid wasting time on unproductive activities. Visiting a religious place could bring peace of mind. Seeking advice from elders may help resolve a difficult situation.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Networking at social gatherings will benefit your future prospects. Those in glamour, art, or fashion may explore new professional opportunities. Students will excel academically, and lovebirds will enjoy happy moments together.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
A busy work schedule may leave you exhausted and limit family time. However, opportunities to establish overseas business connections may arise. Be cautious with financial investments. A job promotion is possible.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Situations will feel more under control, and destiny will favor you in business. Hard work will be rewarded, and delayed projects may finally progress. A peaceful religious trip may be on your mind, along with charitable donations.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You will manage expenses effectively and may plan business investments. Real estate ventures could improve financial stability. You will be polite and focused on domestic matters, though your spouse may feel upset or face health concerns.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
With the Moon in an unfavorable position, health concerns and financial losses in business or investments are possible. Avoid new investments, as profits may turn into losses. Steer clear of controversies to prevent negative consequences.

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=20/s×(s/1000)
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BULL'S EYE
FALSIFY, flay, iffy, slay

RIDDLER
Grape

QUOTE UNCODE
The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.

FAST FIVE

R	A	N	C	E
E	X	A	L	T
B	I	S	O	N
U	L	A	M	A
Y	E	L	P	S

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
6. Split the diagram into 2 halves vertically, each 3 columns wide. Numbers in the left hand half follow the sequence of cubed numbers, from 64 to 729, and numbers in the right hand half follow the sequence of squared numbers, from 121 to 256.

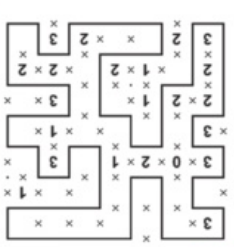
SUDOKU

6	8	1	5	3	7	2	4	9
5	4	2	8	9	1	3	6	7
3	9	7	4	2	6	8	5	1
9	5	4	2	1	3	7	8	6
7	3	8	6	5	9	4	1	2
1	2	6	7	8	4	5	9	3
4	1	9	3	7	5	6	2	8
2	7	5	1	6	8	9	3	4
8	6	3	9	4	2	1	7	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Or, Rod, Road, Adorn, Around, Adjourn.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 3 − 3 + 2 = 7
Medium
9 − 6 − 7 + 5 = 1
Hard
6 + 5 − 6 − 1 = 4

LOOP



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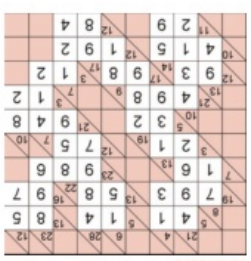

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